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Jocelyn G. Boyd, Esquire
Chief Clerk & Administrator
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100
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RE: Application of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC for Approval of New Cost
Recovery Mechanism and Portfolio of Demand-Side Management and Energy
Efficiency Programs
Docket No. 2013-298-E

Dear Ms. Boyd:

By this letter, the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") hereby notifies the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") that ORS has reviewed, and does not oppose, the request submitted by Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC ("DEC" or the "Company") in the above referenced docket on January 14, 2020. DEC proposes to make certain modifications to its Neighborhood Energy Saver Program ("NES" or the "Program"), including internal Program changes and tariff revisions, in order to provide additional measures to households that consume more energy per square foot than homes of similar size and construction ("higher consumption households") within the eligible neighborhoods, and improve the overall performance of the Program.

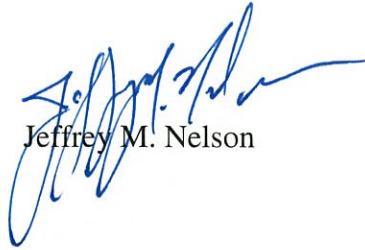
The Company proposes internal Program changes to provide additional measures, such as insulation, duct sealing, air sealing and a smart thermostat to high consumption households within the eligible neighborhoods, including manufactured and mobile homes.

The Company also proposes Program tariff revisions that include broadening the lighting measures by removing "compact fluorescent bulbs" and replacing it with a more general term "energy

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efficient lighting," which would include LEDs, and adding other measures, such as switch plate thermometers and refrigerator thermometers.

Sincerely,



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